

and by the authority of the State of North Carolina, sealed with "The Great Seal of the State", and signed by the Governor, and countersigned by the Secretary of State.

Department of
Agriculture, Im-
migration and
Statistics.

Sec. 17. *Department of Agriculture, Immigration, and Statistics.* The General Assembly shall establish a Department of Agriculture, Immigration, and Statistics, under such regulations as may best promote the agricultural interests of the State, and shall enact laws for the adequate protection and encouragement of sheep husbandry.

Department of
Justice.

Sec. 18. *Department of Justice.* The General Assembly is authorized and empowered to create a Department of Justice under the supervision and direction of the Attorney-General, and to enact suitable laws defining the authority of the Attorney-General and other officers and agencies concerning the prosecution of crime and the administration of the criminal laws of the State.

ARTICLE IV

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Abolishes the
distinction be-
tween actions at
law and suits
in equity.

Section 1. *Abolishes the distinction between actions at law and suits in equity, and feigned issues.* The distinction between actions at law and suits in equity, and the forms of all such actions and suits, shall be abolished; and there shall be in this State but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights or the redress of private wrongs, which shall be denominated a civil action; and every action prosecuted by the people of the State as a party, against a person charged with a public offense, for the punishment of the same, shall be termed a criminal action. Feigned issues shall also be abolished, and the facts at issue tried by order of court before a jury.

Feigned issues
abolished.

Division of judi-
cial powers.

Sec. 2. *Division of judicial powers.* The judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Court for the Trial of Impeachments, a Supreme Court, Superior Courts, Courts of Justices of the Peace, and such other courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law.

Trial court of
impeachment.

Sec. 3. *Trial court of impeachment.* The Court for the Trial of Impeachments shall be the Senate. A majority of the members shall be necessary to a quorum, and the judgment shall not extend beyond removal from and disqualification to hold office in this State; but the party shall be liable to indictment and punishment according to law.

Impeachment.

Sec. 4. *Impeachment.* The House of Representatives solely shall have the power of impeaching. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators present. When the Governor is impeached, the Chief Justice shall preside.

Treason against
the State.

Sec. 5. *Treason against the State.* Treason against the State shall consist only in levying war against it, or adhering to its ene-